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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST

1. CONGRESSMAN DON FRASER HAS INDICATED TO US THAT PROFESSOR FRANK NEWMAN, FORMER DEAN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LAW SCHOOL, WILL BE ARRIVING IN SANTIAGO ON BEHALF OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL ON NOVEMBER 1. NEWMAN IS KNOWN TO THE CONGRESSMAN'S OFFICE AS A RESPONSIBLE, SERIOUS MAN WHO IS NOT IN SEARCH OF PUBLICITY. GOVERNMENT OF CHILE INVITED AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES. INVITATION ENSUED FROM DIRECT CONVERSATION BETWEEN AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS AND THE CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER DURING MINISTER'S RECENT VISIT TO NEW YORK.

2. FRASER'S OFFICE POINTS OUT THAT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL FOLLOWS A STRICT PRACTICE OF PRESENTING A DRAFT COPY OF ITS FINDINGS TO THE HOST GOVERNMENT BEFORE RELEASING ANY SPECIAL REPORT. THEY ARE INTERESTED IN "POLITICAL PRISONERS" AND THAT WILL BE THE FOCUS OF PROFESSOR NEWMAN'S INTEREST.

3. SUGGEST THAT NEWMAN BE EXTENDED APPROPRIATE COURTESIES BY THE EMBASSY. KISSINGER

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